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REMARKS

In response to the Final Office Action mailed on December 19, 2007, Applicants respectfully requests reconsideration. Claims 1-28 and 35 are now pending in this Application. Claims 33-35 have been indicated as being in condition for allowance. Claims 1, 3, 5, 8, 13, 15, 17, 20, 23, 25 27 and 35 are independent claims and the remaining claims are dependent claims. In this Amendment, claims 1, 3, 5, 8, 13, 15, 17, 20, 23, 25, 27 have been amended and claims 33 and 34 have been cancelled. Applicants believe that the claims as presented are in condition for allowance. A notice to this affect is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-28 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,269,336 to Ladd (hereinafter Ladd) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,088,675 to MacKenty (hereinafter MacKenty). Claim 33 was indicated as being allowable. Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 33, therefore claim 1 is now allowable. Claims 3, 5, 8, 13, 15, 17, 20, 23, 25 and 27 have been amended in a similar manner as claim 1 and are believed allowable for at least the same reasons as claim 1. Claims 2, 4, 6-7, 9-12, 21-22, 24, 26 and 28 depend from claims 1, 3, 5, 8, 13, 15, 17, 20, 23, 25 and 27 and are believed allowable as they depend from a base claim which is believed allowable. Claim 34 has been cancelled. Claim 35 is also indicated as allowable.

In view of the above, the Examiner's rejections are believed to have been overcome, placing the pending claims in condition for allowance and reconsideration and allowance thereof is respectfully requested.

Applicants hereby petitions for any extension of time which is required to maintain the pendency of this case. If there is a fee occasioned by this

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response, including an extension fee, that is not covered by an enclosed check, please charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 50-3735.

If the enclosed papers or fees are considered incomplete, the Patent Office is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned collect at (508) 616-9660, in Westborough, Massachusetts.

Respectfully submitted,

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